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July 22, 1850

A report in the Grand River Eagle, p 2, on the "Holland Colony--Improvement--Soil--Crops--Harbor--Roads, &c, &c." which was printed in the Allegan Record on July 18th. The report was written by J. R. Kellogg, a judge who befriended Van Raalte. Hawks and Bassett are the editors of the Allegan Record.

Kellogg had just returned from a four day visit to the Holland Colony. He is astounded by the accomplishments of the colonists in just three years. Van Raalte took him on a tour of the Holland area and Vander Meulen of the Zeeland area.

He was disappointed that not more had been done in the city but Van Raalte said it was more important to establish farming and get the harbor developed first.

Kellogg deploras that the people of Allegan do not get a road built to the Holland area for flour is selling for \$9 a barrel in the Colony while it is selling for only \$5.25 in Allegan. He implies that the people of Allegan could benefit greatly in trade with the Hollanders. There must be a good road built between Allegan and Holland.

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TELEGRAPH.

Appointments.

WASHINGTON, July 20.
of Mass., Secretary of State.
Me., Secretary of War.
Ohio, Sec'y of the Treasury.
Secretary of the Navy.
of Md., Sec'y of the Interior.
of Ky., Attorney General.
Postmaster General.

Not Pardonned.

BOSTON, July 20.
Council have refused to grant
use of Prof. Webster, and the
be the 30th of August, giv-
prepare for death.

President Fillmore.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, July 17.
I received information that
who have been settled.
was taken suddenly ill last
was called in.

better. Inflammation of the
ail. His friends are much
manifested in relation to Mr.
is now said that his place in
on the course he will then

WASHINGTON, July 20.
rejected Mr. King's amend-
amendment to the same by
romising the Missouri line.—
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WASHINGTON, July 19.
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From the Allegan Record, July 18th.

**Holland Colony--Improvement--Soil--Crops
Harbor--Roads, &c., &c.**

MESSES. HAWKS & BASSETT: I returned on Sat-
urday last, from a four day's visit to the Holland
Colony. I went through the settlements in this
county generally—visited the city on Black Lake,
and Dom. Van Raalte and his wife accompanied me
and my wife to Zealand, and thence, in company
with Dom. Van de Muler, we made an excursion on
foot to examine improvements, view the crops, see
the people and make all manner of inquiries as to
health, and other things of interest, pertaining to
this interesting and most valuable acquisition to
Western Michigan. And although before I went I
expected to be highly gratified with their progress,
yet I was disappointed, and most happily disap-
pointed. The quality of their land I know to be
good, but the amount of clearing, the number of
good comfortable habitations, the extent of good
fencing, the amount of crops on the ground, and the
extraordinary richness and burden of those crops—
all these, considering the short time since the first
blow was struck, (3 years,) the dense forest they
had to clear, their utter inexperience in such an un-
dertaking, the disadvantages of being so far in the
woods, no roads, and a host of other obstacles to en-
counter—all these are truly astonishing. I have in
my life time, seen much of improvement in new
countries, but taking all the circumstances into con-
sideration, I have never seen the equal of this Col-
ony.

I was disappointed in not seeing more done in the
city, but Dominie Van Raale explained that.—
They soon saw that so long as there remained the
obstruction to their harbor, it would not do to con-
gregate in towns or villages; they must spread out
and improve their lands on a larger scale. This was
a most wise and fortunate conclusion, and they are
now satisfied of it. Now all that is needed is
the removal of the obstruction at the entrance of
this otherwise perfect harbor. The want of this
improvement is preventing thousands in Old Hol-
land from coming at once to this country and to this
location. If Congress but knew all the facts as
they exist, they would, I am sure, make the neces-
sary appropriation, and make it at once. For here
it is not as it is at the mouths of our principal riv-
ers, where there is a natural channel sufficient to
admit of a certain extent of commercial intercourse,
and consequently, business to a certain extent can
be carried on, though the appropriations are expend-
ed from year to year. Here it will be necessary to
do the whole work before it can be of any practical
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WASHINGTON, July 19.
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policy respecting New Mex-
as the Cabinet is formed,—
and confidence.

from Washington.
WASHINGTON, July 18.
la meeting of the Cabinet to-
all present but Messrs. CLAY-
Mr. Crawford is sick. After
important business, he requested
thirty days. Several members
affairs would not admit of this
as personal arrangements had
nt upon resignations. No mem-
net had been invited or deter-
ning, but selections may be pre-
assigned above.

the New York Delegation.
delegation have been comparing
ascertained that 16 will go
nt goes. But it is understood
will not touch the Compromise

the Contoy Prisoners.
received from Capt. McKeever, of
es, this morning, dated at Fla-
containing assurance that the
d agreed to release the Contoy
YS.

thing on New Mexico.
PHILADELPHIA, July 18.
of the 10th inst, state that a
sunder the joint action of the
had been held on the battle
to. Ashbel Smith presided.—
essed to support the Government
e jurisdiction over the rebellious
stin, states that the Legislature
the troops the advantage of the
marching. Steps are also being
ompanies of volunteers for San-

the Siamese Twins.
NEW YORK, July 16.

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pressing one, and the benefits to accrue are incal-
culable.

And now, one word in regard to our own imme-
diate interests in connection with this people. To
me they addressed themselves in the following lan-
guage—'You people of Allegan do not know how
much—how much you do lose by not making a good
road from Allegan to the Colony.' And I am sure
if all our citizens would go and see for themselves,
they would also feel its importance. I am fully con-
vinced this county alone, loses enough every year
to complete the work. And let any of our citizens
go and thoroughly inform themselves of the facts,
and they will so report. Why is flour now retail-
ing there at \$9 and upwards a barrel, when here it
can be bought for \$5.75 only 23 miles away? It is
the state of the roads and nothing else.

Yours in haste,
J. R. KELLOGG.

Correspondence of the Detroit Tribune.
Representation--New Counties.

LANSING, July 13.

When in committee of the whole upon the Legis-
lative article, the committee made the following
amendment to Sec. 3: Every organized county
containing 2000 white inhabitants shall be entitled
to one Representative. Mr. Sutherland to day pro-
posed to amend the same by substituting the fol-
lowing:

Provided, that until the apportionment under the
census of 1855 the counties of Saginaw, Tuscola,
Midland, Sanilac, Newago and Montcalm, shall each
be entitled to at least one Representative.

Upon this amendment and others relating to the
same subject matter, the Convention have been al-
most entirely occupied during the day. This amend-
ment, I consider perfect so far as it goes, and the
only thing needed; is that part withdrawn by Mr.
S. to wit: that all other counties now or hereafter to
be organized shall be entitled to at least one
Representative each, whenever it shall contain
1500 inhabitants. I believe, and I think it must
be apparent to the Convention that this is the best
proposition as yet proposed. It settles the
representation of the six above named counties,
which by action of the Convention to day would